

### REMARKS

Claims 4 and 12 remain pending in the application, being amended to be in independent form including the limitations of independent Claims 1 and 9, respectively, and intervening Claims 2 and 10, respectively. Claims 1-3, 5-11, and 13-16 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and are available for prosecution in a continuation application. Applicants voluntarily amend the Cross-Reference to Related Applications to update status of certain cases and to specify application numbers of the related applications. These changes are believed not to introduce new matter, and entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Based on the above Amendment and the following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections, and withdraw them.

#### The November 1, 2004 Office Action

In the Office Action dated November 1, 2004, Claims 1-3, 5-11, and 13-16 were rejected on a variety of references.

By the foregoing Amendment, Claims 4 and 12 are placed in independent form, including the limitations of Claims 1-2 and 9-10, respectively. Because Claims 4 and 12 were indicated to have allowable subject matter, they should now be allowable. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to Claims 4 and 12, and allowance thereof, are respectfully requested.

#### Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants provide herewith an Information Disclosure Statement, official consideration of which is respectfully requested.

#### Change of Correspondence Address; New Associate Attorney


A "Revocation of Associate Power and Appointment of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address" is filed herewith. The Appointment recognizes the undersigned attorney to prosecute the case. It is requested that the examiner verify that the address information has been entered into the PTO mailing system so that future communications will be mailed to the correct address.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections have been complied with or rendered moot. Thus, it now appears that the application is in condition for allowance. Should any questions arise, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned representative so that this case may receive an early Notice of Allowance.

Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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